Welcome Academy Alumni!

The student body of M.B.A. would

like to take this oportunity to wel-come you back to the Academy. outlined, Academy boys lined up with the project 100 per cent, for When you were in school here, pride in Alumni is a natural trait at you probably never thought of one M.E.A.—not just because we share day returning as an "old grad" for an Alumni Day such as this. The for over a century and a half Marten. news at first came to us as a sur- roon graduates have established top

records in their various fields which and we wouldn't swap her for the serve as an inspiration to M.B.A. boys today.

The purpose of this first Alumin Day in Academy history is just what its title suys—a day for you. Spend it just as you want to. You may wish to meet and talk with members of the faculty, many of whom you already know.

Mamie, the cook, is still with us

Ladies' Auxiliary has been planning on for so many weeks.

We hope that this first Alumni Day will become an annual affair, so perhaps we can see you again next year. On second thought, why wait till next year? You are welcome any time.

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Alumni Sidelights

Among the many Alumni of M.B.A. Dr. Smiley Blanton rates as one of the top notables. One of New York's leading psychiatrists, Dr. Blanton was invited to the Alumni Day celebration while in town to autograph his recently published book, The Art of Real Happiness.

Another grad M.B.A. can be proud of is Mr. Morris Frank. Mr. Frank is noted for starting the training of seeing-eye dogs. He has established a training center in

Mr. Hermes Pan, another famous graduate, is one of the country's top choreographers (dance designers. He has invented and planned the dances for several recent

movies.

Among the recent grads, Tom McEwen is an honor roll student at the U. S. Naval Academy, He rates sixth in math and eighth in marine enginering in a class of nine hundred at Annaeolis.

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Bernard Werthan, also a recent grad, was a top Academy student and now rates a spot on the Dean's list at M.I.T.

Another name M.B.A. is proud of is that of the late General Frank (Continued on page 4, col. 3)

Key Club News

Carpenter Heads MBA Key Club for 1950-'51

District Key Club Governor and Junior Class President Dick Car-penter chalked up another honor as he was elected President of the M.B.A. Key Club chapter for the coming year. He succeeds Lem Ste-vens.

MBA Today-Campus View from Harding Road .



and front of Math and Science Building



MBA Mothers, Students Host First Academy Alumni Meet

Barbecue Climaxes Months of Work
By Auxiliary, Student Committees
Climaxing months of hard work, the Ladies' Auxiliary and
the Student Body will play hosts to Academy graduates this
afternoon on the campus. Under the direction of Mrs. David
Adams, the Auxiliary and student committees have exerted
every effort in preparation for this
Alumni News

event.

Alumni Day Schedule

5:30—Tennis match with Duncan;
baseball game with West on
main diamond; Microbe Woodmont softball game on
field between Stadium and
Montgomery Bell Lane.

5:30—Barbecue on terrace between
Main Building and Science
Building.

MBA Grads Set Top College Record

By CARL GATES

In this issue of the Bell Ringer I would like to devote the Alumni News to statistics concerning Academy graduates over a span of the past four years.

Of all the how who have extended.

shain Building and Science
Building.

Grads will begin to arrive on the
campus at three o'clock to celebrate
the school's first alumni day in recent years. Highlight of the day
will be at 5:30 when the alumni and
their families will feast the back
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therease. Other features of interest will
be the baseball game, softball game,
and tennis matches scheduled for
the afternoon. Eight hundred visitors are expected to be on hand to
help make the day a success.

M.B.A. is proud of its many and
distinguished alumni, and invites
everyone to enjoy this meeting,
which may be the first of an annual celebration.

Dr. Moore Describes "Gay Nineties" At South Nashville Montgomery Bell

At South Nashville

Typical of the flood of letters
from Alumni in preparation for
Alumni Day is this description of
Academy life in the "90's by Dr.
William Cabler Moore of Stamford,
Connecticut:

"I entered M.B.A. in September,
I's elected M.B.A. in September,
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I's of a preducted in June, 1900,
At that time the Academy was on
its old campus in South Nashville.
The faculty consisted of Prof. S. M.
D. Clark, "Smack Me Down", Principal, who faught the classic languages and the business courses;
Prof. P. H. Manning, who taught
lagebra, grammar and all the
sciences; Prof. J. W. Brister, who
sught English literature, German,
higher algebra and geometry; Prof.
John Lowry, who taught public
speaking. He was a rather stern,
lame old gentleman who was born
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Our Historic, Heroic, Humorous Past

by John Adams

As we are students here only four or five years, it is hard for us to know the little humorous incidents of bygone years. The only way we are able to be familiar with these is for the alumin to write us. I quote a few of these recollections from a letter written by Mr. L. M. De-Saussure, class of 1886, "The history of Montgomery Bell Academy is well known and I shall confine myself to my recollections as a student three." If graduated with the class of "I graduated with the class of the He trusted implicitly in the honor of his students and the moral status of the school was very high. "I shull always be very grateful for the privilege of having attended Montgomery Bell Academy. I have found many graduates in various cities of the South, and have yet hoe ashmed of any that the Academy turned out. From what I learn Montgomery Bell Academy is still as outstanding as in my day, and I was proud to be an alumnus, one of the oldest."

From the M.B.A. Bulletin, 1911:

as a student there.
"I graduated with the class of
1886, after four years. The school
at that time had two divisions—the
grammar school and the high
school, with three grades in each.
"The presiding genius was Prof.

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Samuel Marnaduke D in wid die
Clark. Prof. Clark had been a Confederate soldier and tales were
told of some wonderful feats of his,
one of which was to swim down the
Mississippi River at night with dispatches, for several miles. He was
a man of fine physique, a gentleman with the finest instincts of the
old South, a great church member.

M.R.A. GRADS SET

(Continued from page 1, col. 5) brought about by the faculty in its attempt to raise the scholastic standing of the school. Since most of our alumni have

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on proud to be an alumnus, one of the oldest."

From the M.B.A. Bulletin, 1911:

"January 3 being the Anniversary of Montgomery Bell's birthday, there will be public exercises at the school commemorative of the event."

From the 1910 edition: "Suitable stables are provided in which pupils can place their horses and carriages."

Did you know that until 1945 there were no brick walks around school? They were built with funds left by the late Tom and Harold Joy as a memorial.

entered Vanderbilt, let us look more closely at the record they have established there. The 77 Maroon graduates at Vanderbilt in the last four years have taken 315 courses with only 18 failures for 95.1%. In 1946 there were six failures in 72 classes for 91.7%; in 1948—four in 69, 94.2%; and the class of 1949 has compiled an amazing record of only two failures in 90 courses for a 97.8%. Any Academy alumnus should be justly proud of the record he and his class have made

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Juniors Host Seniors In Annual Park Picnic

Junior Class played host to gloating Seniors at the annual Junior Senior maul—er—picnic, Edwin Warner Park, Wednesday after-noon, May 3.

noon, May 3.

Highlight of the day was the yearly tussle which featured dissected shirts and blackened bodies. Also adding to the general gaiety were naive, fully dressed swimmers paddling to and fro on the Harpeth.

A temporary hitch in the de-delirium came with the arrival of a contingent of blue coats who evi-dently took a dim view of nude strugglers. Warren obliged though by pinning back on his shorts and everyone was happy again.

In the lull before the storm, Sen-iors lolled through a softball game, while Juniors checked out to a near-by party for deep conversation with a group of local college youths.

The feed (box lunches dealt out by thoughtful Junior hosts) fol-lowed, then quickly melted into the long-awaited altercation (i.e.— brawl).

Paper Staffers Attend Banner Luncheon

Ball Ringer Editor Dick Cantrell
led a five-man M.B.A. delegation to
the third annual Nashville Banner
sponsored Middle Tennessee High
School Press Association banquet at
the Noel Hotel, Saturday, April 22.
Other Bell Ringer staffers weres:
Sports Editor Jim Brent, News Editor Togy Jones, Assistant Sports
Editor Kent Carriey, and columnist
Mark Dixon.
In Banner was again Castle Heights'

their divisions.

Before the presentations, interesting talks were given by members of the Banner staff along with Banner representatives from the Associated and United Press.

All mid-State representatives received a Banner extra with a special front page covering the banquet.

DR. MOORE DESCRIBES

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(Continued from page 1, col. 5)
the boys of each class, together
with certain especially prepared
maps, were then bound into a
"Class Prize Book" and each class
book was awarded to the boy in that
class who had made the best average in all his work for that year.
I was at M.B.A. four years and
have four of those books among my
herished possessions. I was also
valedictorian of the class of 1900.
I do not have a copy of my "Lecture", which was on "Radiant
I do not have a copy of my "Lecture", which was on "Radiant
Energy." It was between 1890 and
1900 that radioactivity was discovered and in that same decade
Marconi built the first practical
"Wireless." I was so interested in
these developments, that encouraged by Prof. Manning, I went into
the M.B.A. laboratory in the Spring
of 1899, and built from materials
then at hand, a very crude "Wireless" transmitter and an equally as
crude receiver. With this rough
set-up Prof. Manning and I could
send signals across a room. We
gave a public demonstration of its
of Tennesses.

"On Commencement Day, 1889, I was
only 15 years old then, and I am
certain that this was the very first
demonstration of radio in the state
of Tennesses.

"We had a self-governing body
set up in 1899 known as the 'School

The Junior Representative



MISS ALLISON TIDMAN

The Junior class (and Bobby Graham) proudly announce their representative for 1950—Miss Allison Tidman.

Brown-eyed and brunette, Allison was born in Nashville, February 14, 1933; she is a graduate of Pea-body Demonstration School. A Jun-ior now at Ward-Belmont, she is keeping up high grades in her four subjects, of which her favorites are French and English. At W-B, Allison is a member of the Triad Club

City'. I was elected the first editor of our school paper, the "Montgomery Bell Bulletin." I have a copy of the last issue gotten out under my direction late in the Spring of 1900.

"There were five boys in the class of 1900.—Albert Noel, Charley Campbell, Smiley Blanton, Bill Boyd and I have forgotten whether R. S. Cauvin was in that class or not."

and was recently elected Student Council Secretary.

In extra-curricular activities rise serves as recording Secretary for the Delta Beta Sigma Sorority. Her sports favorites are swimming and tennis. Allison is a member of Christ Church Episcopal and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tidman of McCarn Avenue.

Congratulations to the Juniors for such a lovely representative. Next issue—the Senior represen-

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Pounding out ten hits, half of which went for extra bases, the Maroons made Peabody baseball victim number two as they skinned the Tigers 11 to 1.

Charlie Hawkins again starred for the Big Red, striking

out eleven while allowing five hits and giving up a single base on balls; at bat he contributed a triple and a home run in three attempts

Other Maroon batting stars were Francis Horn, Charlie McDaniel, Carl Gates, and Jimmy Ray. Horn and McDaniel each had a home run and McDaniel also singled once.

and McDaniel also singled once.
Gates had three singles and Ray a
single and a double. . .
North simply had too many gus
for M.B.A. as the Yankees drubbed
the Big Red, 10 to 3, on April 24.
Eighteen Maroons fanned while
only three got hits and only three
walked; meanwhile, every Yank but
pitcher Pardue was collecting at
least one hit, including a double and
two triples, for a total of eleven
safeties.
Charlie Hawkins gave un four
Charlie Hawkins gave un four

charlie Hawkins gave up four bases on balls and struck out seven for M.B.A.; Carl Gates' long dou-ble was the big blow of the after-noon for the Marcons . . .

noon for the Marcons...

The Big Red, picking up only two
runs off their six hits while Cohn
managed an even dozen, dropped
game number three May 4 at
Thayer Hospital.

In a game marked by numerous
errors, Jimmy Ray, changing places
with battery mate Charlie Hawkins,
allowed the Tigers twelve hits and
four walks.

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ng up by the Maroon tennis team matches on their April 27-29

num, up-toy-eine Marcon-tenns tennin matches on their April 27:20 trip to Chattanooga.

On Thursday, April 27, the Marcons kept their season slate clean by a 3-3 tie against McCallie, one of the tennis powerhouses of the South, as Fox, McDaniel, and Harwell won their singles matches.

Next day the Big Red netters trounced Darlington 5-1 with Fox and Harwell again winning; they were aided by a victory from Jay Johns. The team also took all doubles matches.

In their third match in as many days the Maroons lost to Baylor our Daylor's curva. Fox was handed his first defeat of the season by Louis Raya! Harwell, handicapped by a "sprained wrist, also lost a decision."

on.

Even with the loss considered all cademy boys had a grand time on Academy boys had a grand time on the trip (and were especially happy about getting out of school).

Golfers Upset East In 4½ - 1½ Win Academy linksmen upset the

In 41/2 - 11/2 Win

Academy linksmen upset the defending city-champs off-last, Monday, May 8, as they breezed to a 45to 1½ win on the McCabe course.
City Champ Jimmy Pickel edged
out Palmer Temple for the Maroom' only loss, while Lem Stevens
took Wayne Taylor with little trouble 38 to 47. M.B.A. number one
man Morris Perguson won over
Bob Adams 38 to 42 and Stanley
Staregistered a victory over Billy
Strickland, 37 to 38
This win brings another sport
championship in reach of the Marooms. The golf foursome faces undefeated West Monday in another
top match.

defeated West Monday in another top match.

Although unsuccessful in their Chattanooga tournament (tenth among thirteen teams) the Acad-emy golfers are still pointing for city honors after the recent vic-tory over Bellevue and Monday's surprise over East.

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Personality of the Month



Fontaine McDaniel

The Bell Ringer's personality for its special Alumni Day issue is Fontaine McDaniel. Fontaine enter-ed the Academy as a freshman and began his tennis team career that

As a sophomore, McDaniel sur-As a sopnomore, stchemic sup-prised everyone, except maybe him-self and Coach Rule, by streaking his way into the finals of the city tournament, his opponent being the defending champ, Harry Corson. Fontaine was defeated by Harry, but his showing despite his being only a sophomore caused his rating as one of the top netters in the city.

as one of the top netters in the city.

Last year, besides managing the football team, Fontaine, sporting his new glasses, played number three on the tennis squad, behind Spickard and Fox, the '48 champ, and won all but one of his matches.

Fontaine played varsity football this fall, causing Coach to remark that he wished all boys had Mc-Daniel's "guts."

This net season McDaniel has continued his winning ways, taking eight out of nine decisions and holding a victory over the boy who dumped him for that one defeat.

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Besides his athletics, Fontaine holds a high rank in the classes, and his remarks and antics liven up what might be otherwise dull sessions. His high laugh is famous in school and to top it off he was selected wittiest in the annual poll.

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Favorite subject-Chemistry Most hated subject—History Easiest subject—Spanish

Hardest subject-English Favorite food-Steak with all the

Most hated food-Pimento cheese Favorite comic strip character-Joe Palooka

Favorite sport—Tennis Favorite actress—June Haver

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Maroon Highlights

by Jim Brent

The baseball team has made an encouraging come-back after losing to Ryan and barely tying Lipscomb in the first two games. Since then the diamond squad has lost only to North. Charlie Hawkins has established himself as one of the League's top stars by batting over .500 and sparking the Maroons with his good right arm.

The recent road trip to Chattanooga made by the tennis and golf teams was costly. The netters were beaten once and tied once, while the linksmen plummeted to tenth place in the thirteen team tournament. In addition, singles star Sambo Harwell suffered a sprained wrist. But despite the setback, the tour was probably of greater value than is at once apparators of the streams of the suffered as prained wrist. ent, since the young performers received some much-needed experience in playing under pressure.

This year more than ever before M. B. A. Alumni at Vanderbilt are excelling in sports. In football, the Wade brothers; derbit are excelling in sports. In football, the Wade brothers; in basketball and golf, Peter Robinson; in track, Jack Burch and Moore Milam; and in tennis, Harry Corson, Kermit Stengel, Rascoe Davis, Any Spickard, Dan Denny, and Marston Crump are helping the Commodore teams now as they did the Marcon teams while at M. B. A.

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Mrs. Ball Receives Invitation to Alumni Day



Mrs. Isaac Ball, widow of the late Professor Isaac Ball, M. B. A. Headmaster for thirty years, receives an invitation to the May 11 Alumni Day from Dick Cantrell, John Sloan, and Jim Bass. From l. to r., Mrs. Ball, Bell Ringer Editor Dick Cantrell, Microbe declamation runner-up John Sloan, and Grade School speech winner -Courtesy of the Nashville Banner.

Bottom O' the Afternoon

Well, well, didn't we all have fun at the annual Junior-Senior Picnic? . . . Rice forgets water-wings, nearly drowns; is revived by artificial respiration by Oman . . . Causey absent

ALUMNI SIDELIGHTS

(Continued from page 1, col. 1)

M. Andrews. A former Academy M. Andrews. A former Academy football star, General Andrews was commander of the European Thea-ter of Operations. The school foot-ball field was named in his honor.

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Examiners Wind Up Required Check After Three Day Inspection At School

Eight prominent Tennessee educators wound up a three day examination of the Academy, Wednesday, May 3.
The group was appointed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in line with the Association

Among the more enpoyable best sellers is Cheaper by the Dozen. The story is about the Gilbreth family: the Dad who had enough gall to be divided into three parts, the mother, and their twelve un-predictable children. This book, written by two of the twelve chil-dren, is sure to liven up a dull eve-nine.

On the more serious side is "Mr. Jones, Meet the Master" by Peter Marshall, the late Senate chaplain. The book, recently reviewed in a chapel talk by Ben Adams, contains

the best of Marshall's prayers and

sermons.

A Pulitzer Prizewinner, "The Way West" by A. B. Guthrie, is a western story which should serve as hours of entertainment for its reader. The library has many such enjoyable books.

Colleges and Secondary Schools in line with the Association ruling that all member schools must have a similar check-up by the end of 1950.

Library Stocks Series Of New Best Sellers

Several top new books have taken their places on the Academy Library shelves.

Among the more enjoyable best sellers is Cheaper by the Dezen. The story is about the Gilbreth family: the Dad who had enough gall to be divided into three parts, the mother, and their twelve unrealizable children. This later is the proposed of the examination was precificable, children. This later is the mother, and their twelve unrealizable children. This later is the mother in the proposed of the examination was precificable children. This later is the mother in the proposed of the examination was precificable children. This later is the proposed of the examination was precified to the proposed of

Purpose of the examination was to check how well each school lived up to its own educational goals. "Educational philosophies" were drawn up for the inspectors to fol-low.

low.

Results of this first examination at the Academy will be announced in an Association letter to the school.

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